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Two references, that is, DE19716139 and EP0582960, are enclosed herein and are only available in the German language. Both of these references are referred to in the specification, that is, on page 1 of 12 in the case of EP0582960, and on page 2 of 12 in the case of DE19716139.

With reference to EP0582960, and particularly Figure 2, a multiport coaxial connector is shown comprised of two mating components. Figure 3 shows a cross sectional view through the right angled header which is mounted to circuit board 5. As shown in Figure 3, an outer conductive block is shown at 7, which forms a plurality of ports 6 to receive the mating coaxial connectors. Compliant or press fit pin sections 13 form the electrical connection to the pins 8, whereas compliant pin portions 14 form the electrical connection to the conductive block 7.

DE19716139 shows a coaxial plug module comprised of coaxial plugs at 4 with the plurality of surface mount device (SMD) style contacts at 5. SMD contacts 5, 6 serve to both electrically connect socket module 1 to the printed circuit board as well as retain the module 1 thereto. The module 1 further comprises positioning pins 28 for cooperation with corresponding positioning holes in a printed circuit board.

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